

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of :  
Joachim BUENGER : Group Art Unit.: 1617  
Serial No.: 10/509,368 : Examiner: HUYNH, Carlic K.  
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Title: USE OF COMPATIBLE SOLUTES FOR INHIBITING THE RELEASE OF  
CERAMIDES

**REPLY**

Commissioner for Patents  
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SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed on September 18, 2007, please amend the claims as follows and consider the remarks.

**Amendments to the Specification** are on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** are on 4 separate sheets attached to this paper.

**Amendments to the Abstract** are on a separate page attached to this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 20 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 24 of this paper.